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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE000343

For approval of generation facilities pursuant to Virginia Code § 56-580 D or, in the alternative, for approval of expenditures pursuant to Virginia Code § 56-234.3 and for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to Virginia Code § 56-265.2

and

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUF000021

For authority under Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia to participate in lease financing arrangements for construction of generation facilities, and for a declaration of non-jurisdiction

HEARING EXAMINER'S RULING

December 14, 2000

Pursuant to Commission order dated October 18, 2000, a hearing date and a procedural schedule were established in this matter.

On December 13, 2000, the Commission Staff, by counsel, filed a Motion for Extensions requesting extensions of time in which Staff's direct testimony and Virginia Electric and Power Company's ("Virginia Power" or "Company") rebuttal testimony may be filed. In support of its Motion, Staff states that it was unable, due to certain constraints surrounding the notice of alleged violation and litigation between Virginia Power, the Department of Justice, and the State of New York to examine the settlement agreement announced in that case, until Monday, December 11, 2000. Staff testimony is currently due to be filed on Friday, December 15, 2000. Staff requests that its testimony be due on December 20, 2000, and Company rebuttal testimony be due on January 5, 2001. Finally, Staff states that counsel for the Company has represented that Virginia Power has no objection to the requested extensions.

Good cause having been shown, I find the Staff's Motion for Extensions should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED:

- (1) That Staff shall file its direct testimony on or before December 20, 2000; and
- (2) That Company shall file its rebuttal testimony on or before January 5, 2001.

Alexander F. Skirpan, Jr.
Hearing Examiner